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Honorable Katherine Polk Failla United States District Judge Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

September 21, 2023

Re: <u>Case 1:22-cv-08695-KPF Toro v. Kate Aspen, Inc.</u> Request for Stay of Action and Referral to Mediation

Dear Judge Failla:

The Parties jointly and respectfully submit this letter motion to seek a stay of the action, adjournment of the pretrial conference scheduled for September 22, 2023, and an immediate referral to the District's Mediation Program. Firstly, the Parties acknowledge and apologize for the tardiness of this request, as there is an in-person conference scheduled for tomorrow. The Parties have been conferring regarding the potential to resolve the suit, however, it has recently become evident that a mediation will be necessary to help a meeting of the minds. As such, for the sake of judicial economy, the Parties request that the matter be temporarily stayed pending the results of a mediation, and that the conference scheduled for September 22, 2023 be adjourned *sin dine*. This is the second request for the adjournment of this pretrial conference, and both Parties do consent.

In the alternative, should Your Honor not agree to the relief requested herein, the Parties request that they be permitted to appear for the conference virtually via telephone.

We thank Your Honor for Your attention and consideration herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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